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SUBJ: UPPER HOUSE CANDIDATES DISALLOWED

REF : A. SAIGON 11518 - POC 14 VIET S.
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1. CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCIL JULY 24, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SENATE ELECTION LAW (REF B), ANNOUNCED RESULTS OF ITS REVIEW OF SENATE ELECTION CANDIDACIES. ONE MINOR LIST, HEADED BY PHAM HAI HO, HAD ONE MEMBER DISALLOWED AND HAD SUBMITTED NO SUBSTITUTES, SO TOTAL LISTS RUNNING IS REDUCTED TO 17.

2. SENATE CHAIRMAN HUYEN HAD TWO OF HIS LIST MEMBERS DISALLOWED, ONE (DINH TU THUC) FOR IRREGULAR DRAFT STATUS AND ONE (KHOANG TRONG VINH) UNDER ARTICLE 12 (8) OF THE LAW RELATING TO PERSONS WHO HAVE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY WORKED FOR COMMUNISM AND PRO-COMMUNIST NEUTRALISM. SUBSTITUTES MOVED UP TO FILL OUT HIS SLATE (LE CHAU LOC AND DOAN VAN LUONG).

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3. OPPOSITION LISTS CAME OFF VIRTUALLY UNSCATHED FROM THE PROCESS, ALTHOUGH AN QUANG FIGURE VU VAN MAU LOST ONE MEMBER (LU GIA PHAN) UNDER ARTICLE 12 (8) WHO WAS REPLACED BY A SUBSTITUTE (TON AI LIENG).

4. LISTS HEADED BY NGUYEN CAO HACH AND NGUYEN ANH TUAN ALSO EACH HAD ONE MEMBER DISALLOWED.

5. FOUR OF THE SIX CANDIDATES DISALLOWED CAME UNDER ARTICLE 12 (8), ONE UNDER ARTICLE 12 (2) RELATING TO CONVICTION FOR CERTAIN CRIMES, AND ONE WAS DISALLOWED FOR IRREGULAR DRAFT STATUS.

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6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE EVIDENCE ON WHICH THE CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCIL ACTED IS NOT AVAILABLE, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT COUNCIL CARRIED OUT ITS DUTIES IN AN OBJECTIVE MANNER UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT TRAN MINH TIET. TIET IS CAREFUL TO MAINTAIN HIS INDEPENDENCE FROM THE EXECUTIVE, AND THE LOWER AND UPPER HOUSE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE ALL CONSIDERED INDEPENDENT OF THE GVN OR OPPOSITIONIST. WE BELIEVE INTEGRITY OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS HAS SO FAR BEEN WELL PRESERVED.
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